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July 23, 2003 and August 5, 2003.**

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[INCH-POUND]  
A-A-3012  
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L-D-350E  
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## COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

### DINING PACKETS

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description for all Federal agencies.

#### 1. SCOPE

1.1 Scope. This commercial item description (cid) covers three types of accessory inflight dining packets.

#### 2. CLASSIFICATION

2.1 Classification. The dining packets shall be of the following types, as specified.

Type I - Dining packet, inflight  
Type II - Dining packet, food container  
Type III - Dining packet, inflight, modified  
**Type IV - Dining packet, food container, modified**

#### 3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 Sanitary packaging. All components shall be packed and assembled under strictly sanitary conditions, by methods that will produce the best possible finished product, consistent with the material requirements specified in the following paragraphs.

##### 3.2 Components.

3.2.1 Type I. The type I dining packet shall consist of twelve components as specified in table I and assembled into a packet as specified.

3.2.2 Type II. The type II dining packet shall consist of the following seven components as specified in Table I: 3a, fork (green) or 3b, fork (tan/sand); 4a, knife (green) or 4b, knife (tan/sand); 5a, napkin (green) or 5b, napkin (tan/sand) per A-A-2789 only; 6, pepper packet; 7, salt packet; 8a, spoon (green) or 8b, spoon (tan/sand); and 9, sugar packets. Components shall be assembled into a packet as specified.

3.2.3 Type III. The type III dining packet shall consist of the following nine components as specified in table I: item 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12, (items 1, 2, and 9 are omitted) and assembled into a packet as specified.

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**3.2.4 Type IV. The type IV dining packet shall consist of the following seven components as specified in Table I: item 3c, fork (tan/sand/beige); 4c,**

knife (tan/sand/beige); 5c, napkin (tan/sand/beige); 6a, pepper packet; 7a, salt packet; 8c, spoon (tan/sand/beige); 9a, sugar packets. Sugar, salt, and pepper packets shall be packaged in tan kraft paper. Components shall be assembled into a packet as specified.

TABLE I. Components and unit packaging of dining packet

Item	Quantity	Component	Details (Conformance)
1	one	Can opener	A-A-1080, except the dimensions shall be 3-1/4 inches (+ 3/8; - 1/4 inch) long, by 5/8 ± 1/64-inch wide.
2	one	Chewing gum	A-A-20175, type I, unit packaged with 2 tablets per package.
3	one	Fork (white)	A-A-3109, type III, item 5, or
3a	one	Fork (green)	A-A-3109, type III, item 5a, or
3b	one	Fork (tan/sand)	A-A-3109, type III, item 5b.
3c	one	Fork (tan/sand/beige)	A-A-3109, type VI, item 17
4	one	Knife (white)	A-A-3109, type III, item 6, or
4a	one	Knife (green)	A-A-3109, type III, item 6a, or
4b	one	Knife (tan/sand)	A-A-3109, type III, item 6b.
4c	one	Knife (tan/sand/beige)	A-A-3109, type VI, item 18
5	one	Napkin (white)	A-A-2789 or, type I or II of A-A-2838 except the quarterfold requirement may be deleted, or
5a	one	Napkin (green)	A-A-2789 or A-A-2838, type II, and the color shall approximate that of the flatware, or
5b	one	Napkin (tan/sand)	A-A-2789 or A-A-2838, type II and the color shall approximate that of the flatware.
5c	one	Napkin (tan/sand/beige)	1/
6	.15 gram min.	Pepper packet	Pepper, Black, Ground, A-A-20001, unit package of 0.15 gram min. (sealed).
6a	.15 gram (±5%)	Pepper packet	Pepper, Black, Ground, A-A-20001, unit package of 0.15 gram (±5%) (sealed).
7	1.0 gram min.	Salt packet	Salt, U.S. Food Chemicals Codex Sodium Chloride Monograph, unit package 1.0 gram min. (sealed).
7a	0.67 gram (±5%)	Salt packet	U.S. Food Chemicals Codex Sodium Chloride Monograph, unit package 0.67 g (±5%), (sealed).
8	one	Spoon (white)	A-A-3109, type III, item 7, or
8a	one	Spoon (green)	A-A-3109, type III, item 7a, or
8b	one	Spoon (tan/sand)	A-A-3109, type III, item 7b.
8c	one	Spoon (tan/sand/beige)	A-A-3109, type VI, item 19

TABLE I. Components and unit packaging of dining packet (continued)

Item	Quantity	Component	Details (Conformance)
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9	6.0 gram min.	Sugar packet	Sugar, A-A-20135, type I, class 1 or 2, one unit package 6.0 gram min. or two unit packages 3.0 gram min. (sealed).
9a	12.0 gram (±5%)	Sugar packet	A-A-20135, type I, Style A or B, two unit packages 6.0 g (±5%) or four unit packages 3.0 g (±5%), (sealed).
10	two	Toothpick	A-A-1056, type I or II, individually wrapped.
11	one	Towel packet	A-A-461, type I or II, unit packaged.
12	one	Drinking tube	Drinking tube, A-A-1052, type I, except the length shall be 5-3/8 inches to 6 inches and the inside diameter of 0.235 inch +/- .035 inch.

1/ Napkins shall be single-ply, creped or embossed, and the color shall approximate that of the flatware. The napkins shall be clean and free of holes, tears, wrinkles, dirt or foreign particles that adversely affect appearance or serviceability. There shall be no visible clumps of undispersed fibers or thin looking areas. The napkins shall be square cut with clean, smooth edges without raggedness. When unfolded the napkin shall measure 133 square inches, minimum. The napkins shall have no disagreeable odor, either wet or dry. The napkins shall contain not less than 30 percent postconsumer recovered materials. Napkins shall conform to the following physical requirements:

Basis weight (g/m<sup>2</sup>) = 20.3  
 (lbs, 24 x 36-500) min. = 12.5  
 Dry tensile strength  
 CD, kg/15 mm (oz/in) min = 0.10 (5.9)  
 MD, kg/15 mm (oz/in) min. = 0.268 (16)  
 Absorption time, sec., max = 100

3.3 Workmanship. The dining packet shall be clean, well made, and free from any defects which may affect appearance or serviceability.

3.4 Metric products. Products manufactured to metric dimensions will be considered on an equal basis with those manufactured using inch-pound units, providing they fall within tolerances specified and all other requirements of this document are met. If a product is manufactured to metric dimensions and those dimensions exceed the tolerances specified in the inch-pound units, a request should be made to the contracting officer to determine if the product is acceptable.

#### 4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 FDA requirements. All deliveries shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

4.2 Recovered materials. The offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with paragraph 23.403 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

## 5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

5.1 Product conformance. The products provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this commercial item description, shall conform to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices and be the same product that has been sold in the commercial marketplace for over two years, or is the same product that has successfully been supplied to the government on a previous contract or purchase order. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to the first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

5.1.1 Market acceptability criteria. The following market acceptability criteria is necessary to document the quality of the product to be provided under this CID: The company must have sold 10,000 items meeting the requirements of this CID, except for the Government unique requirements, in the commercial or government marketplace over the past two years.

## 6. PACKAGING

6.1 Preservation, packing, and marking. Preservation, packing, and marking shall be as specified in the contract or purchase order.

## 7. NOTES

7.1 Part Numbering. The following part identification number procedure is for government purposes and does not constitute a requirement for the contractor.

Part Numbering System for Commercial Item Description A-A-3012

Example:   AA3012-1   (AA3012-1)   Example - Type I  
          |       |  
          |       |--- Type (1 -I, 2 - II, or 3 - III)  
          |--- CID number

### 7.2 Document sources.

#### 7.2.1 Government documents.

Copies of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are available from the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (Internet - <http://www.access.gpo.gov>).

Commercial Item Descriptions are available from the General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service Bureau, Specification Section, Suite 8100, 470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.

#### 7.2.2 Non-Government documents.

Copies of the U.S. Food Chemicals Codex are available from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20418.

7.3 Ordering data. Purchasers should select the preferred options permitted herein and include the following information in procurement documents (if applicable).

- a. Title, number, and date of this commercial item description.
- b. Type required (see 2.1).

- c. The color required for items 3, 4, 5, and 8 (types I and II, see table I).
- d. Preservation, packing and marking requirements.

7.4 National Stock Numbers (NSN's): The following is a list of NSN's assigned which correspond to this CID. The list may not be indicative of all possible NSN's associated with the CID.

<u>NSN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
7360-00-660-0526	I
7360-01-167-2610	III

MILITARY INTERESTS:

Military Coordinating Activity:

Army - GL

Custodians:

Army - GL

Navy - SA

Air Force - 99

Review activities:

Army - MD1, QM1

Air Force - 35, 84

DLA -IS, SS

CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITY:

HHS - NIH

PREPARING ACTIVITY:

GSA - FSS

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**Changes to A-A-3012 - Dining Packets**  
**(includes changes from July 23, 2003 and August 5, 2003)**

**2.1 Classification**

Add "Type IV - Dining packet, food container, modified

**3.2 Components**

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Under TABLE I add the following entries:

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A-A-3109, type VI, item 17			
4c	one		Knife (tan/sand/beige)
A-A-3109, type VI, item 18			
5c	one		Napkin (tan/sand/beige)
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6a	.15 gram		Pepper packet
Pepper, Black, Ground,			
	(±5%)		
A-A-20001, unit package of			
0.15 gram (±5%) (sealed)			
7a	0 .67 gram		Salt packet
U.S. Food Chemicals Codex			
	(±5%)		
Sodium Chloride Monograph,			
unit package 0.67 g (±5%),			
(sealed).			
8c	one		Spoon (tan/sand/beige)
A-A-3109, type VI, item 19			
9a	12.0 g		Sugar packet
A-A-20135, type I, Style A or			
	(±5%)		
B, two unit packages 6.0 g			
(±5%) or four unit packages			
3.0 g (±5%), (sealed).			

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